

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION REPORT  
INITIAL POLREP**

**DATE:** March 7, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Young Oil Diesel Spill  
Hokes Bluff, Etowah County, Alabama

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Project File

**I. BACKGROUND**

**Site Name:** Young Oil Diesel Spill  
**Street address:** 3383 Hwy 278 East  
**City, county, state:** Hokes Bluff, Etowah County, Alabama  
**Latitude and longitude:** N 33° 59.720' W 85° 55.494'  
**Site Number:**  
**EPA ID #:**

**Response Authority:** CWA/OPA  
**NPL Status:** non-NPL  
**Incident Category:** Emergency  
**State Notification:** ADEM  
**Start Date:** 6 March 2004  
**Completion Date:** on going  
**Lead OSC:** Glenn Adams

**II. SITUATION**

Date of Notification: March 6, 2004  
Date Action Started: March 6, 2004  
Completion Date: on going  
Pollutant: diesel  
Quantity Discharged: estimated 1,100 gallons  
Substantial Threat: no  
Surface Water: un-named creek to Big Cove Creek to Coosa River

Source Identification: tank failure  
Potential Responsible Party: Young Oil Company

### **III. ACTIONS**

On March 4, 2004, diesel fuel was discovered in a ditch and un-named creek located near Hwy 278 East in the town of Hokes Bluff, Etowah County, Alabama. The un-named creek is a tributary of Big Cove Creek, which is a tributary to the Coosa River. Local fire department personnel along with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) on scene determined that the diesel spill was originating from the Young Oil facility at 3383 Hwy 278 East. After coordination with ADEM, the EPA Duty OSC dispatched OSC Adams to the scene at 1500 hours.

Upon arrival at the scene, OSC Adams discovered that the spill was the result of a tank failure at the Young Oil facility. Apparently, the tank (which had not been used recently) was loaded with approximately 5,800 gallons of diesel fuel. Over several days, the tank leaked most of its contents into secondary containment. However, the secondary containment either failed or did not contain the total volume of the tank, resulting in a discharge of diesel fuel into the environment and subsequently, surface water. OSC Adams assessed the magnitude of the spill, the extent of contamination and immediately began coordination with ADEM, the local fire department and representatives from Young Oil.

### **IV. FUTURE ACTIONS**

The RP is conducting the clean up action. OSC Adams providing oversight and assistance.

### **V. ESTIMATED COSTS**

N/A at this time.